

(the enjoyment of) thy bounty: may I,
through thy
protection, AGNI> be blessed with excellent
male de-
scendants.

10. Wise NIsATYAS come quickly to my
invocation
(united) with holy acts: (extricate us)
from thick
darkness, as thou didst extricate ATRI:
protect us,
leaders (of rites), from danger in battle.

11. Be unto us, gods, the donors of
splendid, invi-
gorating riches, comprising male
descendants, and
celebrated by many: celestial XDITYAS,
terrestrial
VASUS, offspring of PRISNI, children of the
waters,¹

granting our desires, make us happy,
12. May RUDRA and SARASWAif, alike well
pleased,
and VISHNU and YAYU, make us happy,
sending rain;
and RIBHUKSHIN, and VAJA, and the divine
VIDHATRI:
and may PARJANYA and ViiA grant us
abundant food.

13. And may the divine SAYITRI and
BHAGA, and
the grandson of the waters, (AGNi), the
prodigal of
gifts, preserve us; and may TWASHTRI with
the gods,
and Earth with the seas, (preserve us).

14. May AHIRBDDHNYA, AJA-EKAPAD, and
Earth
and Ocean, hear us; may the universal
gods, who are
exalted by sacrifice, they who are invoked
and praised
(by us), to whom mystical prayers are
addressed,
and who have been glorified by (ancient)
sages, pre-
serve us.²

15. Thus do my sons, of the race of
BHARADWAJA,

i The text has epithets only, the scholiast f
applies the nomen-
clature: thus *divyd*, ihe celestial*, *tbai id*, ihe
Adityus', *partki-*
vdsah, terrestrials, that is, the *Vasiis-*, *go-jdtah*,
cow-bora, born
ofPrtxni, the *Maruts*; *dpydh*, the aquatic, born
in the firma-
ment, the *Ritdras*.

*** *Yajur-VeJa*, 34 53.**